



TOWN OF AMENIA

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TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING

Town Hall- 1st Floor

AGENDA
JULY 12, 2012
7:00pm

Salute Flag
Emergency Exits

Roll Call

Open Public Hearing

- Local Law #3 of 2012 Amending Town Code – Abandoned Property

Close Public Hearing

Return to Regular Meeting

Public Comments -

Presentations-

Clark Engineering

Re: Wastewater Study- Proposed schedule

Local Law# 3 of 2012

- Discussion/vote

- Resolution# of 2012 Local Law# 3 of 2012

Highway Report -

Town Clerk Report -

Discussions-

- Contract with School
- Transfer Station- DEC
- Softball tournament
- Roof Bids

Supervisor's Report

- NYSERDA

Town Board Comments

Executive Session

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Supervisor called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm;

Salute to the flag was conducted;

A moment of silence for the military serving around the world;

Emergency exits behind the Town Clerk and at the rear of the room behind the audience at the door entered.

Councilman Hoss motioned, seconded by C/ Riemer

***Motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2012 Amending Town Code-
Abandoned Property***

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

No public comments

Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/ Riemer

***Motion to accept Resolution # of 2012 SEQRA Findings Amending Town Code-
Abandoned Property***

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

No public comments.

Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/ Perotti

Motion to close the public hearing

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

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Councilwomen Doyle motioned, seconded by C/ Hoss

Motion to open the Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Councilwomen Perotti motioned, seconded by C/Hoss

***Motion to accept Resolution #35 of 2012 Local Law # 3 of 2012 Amending Town Code-
Abandoned Property***

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Public Comments:

- Sarah Baxendell, acting community liaison of the Old Luther Barn on Old Route 22 currently owned by Bill Henry presented information on the activity at the Luther Barn. They are working on expanding the gardens and working on small scale projects trying to be a part of a broader conversation creating substantial agriculture in to this bio region. They have worked with Eco Systems calculating the number of ticks in the area and also with the USDA for turtle research. Supervisor Flood addressed the concern of the use of the building, and the number of individuals camping on the site; C/Riemer further explained the concerns are of health, safety and welfare of those using the barn. Thorn Carisito and Devin Kyle also commented. Barn improvements include running water and a working kitchen. They have replaced the septic and they are working with the building inspector to ensure all safe guards are met.
- Jim Walsh, On behalf of the Amenia Fire Department requested that the Open Container Law be rescinded for the softball tournament being held August 24, 25, 26 at Beekman Park in memory of Gabby Farkas. There will be food and beverages served. Constables will be present. Proceeds will go towards a scoreboard at the park.
- Gretchen Hitselberger announced the Hidden Gardens tour is scheduled on July 14, 2012 from 10-12.

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Presentation by Erin Moore of Clark Engineering regarding the Wastewater Study

Ms. Moore presented the Wastewater Collection and Treatment Feasibility Study, with a brief history of the project. With the current failing systems there are public health hazardous; dangerous to aquatic life; damaging to the environment and are costly to the parcel owners. The wastewater improvements will allow the hamlet center to thrive by removing restrictive wastewater conditions.

The proposed service area will be the hamlet of Amenia including Route 22/343/44 of 126 parcels and the Town Hall being the site of systems operation center. Based on 2014 figures the estimated total collection costs would be \$3,278,510 and a treatment system cost of 1,961,240 for a total cost of the installed project \$5,239,750. Annual operational costs for the system is \$311,257; based on the current 154 benefit units identified that would break down to \$2,021 each benefit unit would pay, or billed quarterly the benefit unit would pay \$505. Janet Reagon, Wastewater Chair noted that these figures are substantially less than what was originally presentation of 12million with Silo Ridge. Ed Mills of Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority explained that the next step is for the Town in writing to recommend the project to DCWWA. This will allow them to move forward with draft map plan report and to request the county legislature to make this project a part county sewer district. The design and construction costs would be bonded and part of the project, and will not have any cost to the Town. S/Flood inquired about the type of system selected. Erin explained that there are several types of systems identified in the report and the Orenco system fits the community needs with the benefits as noted in the report. The next Wastewater Meeting will be July 16th. The Town Board's next step is to endorse one of the scenarios and have the attorney send a letter to DCWWA.

Discussion/Vote Introduction of Local Law #4

Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

***Motion to accept Resolution #39 of 2012 Introduction of Local Law # 4 of 2012 –
Adoption of Local Law adding Chapter 113 of the Town Code entitled "Vehicle and Traffic"***

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Highway Report- Stan Whitehead, Highway Superintendent

Mr. Whitehead has received notice from DEC that no longer are water samples required and the matter has been closed.

Bids have been received and recommends that Zwack, Inc. to complete the scope of work for truck 24 and truck 2000 in the amount of \$47,498.

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Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to accept the bids presented by Highway Superintendent to refurbish the trucks

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

C/Riemer suggested that the consideration of the longevity of the building be looked at. Rather than limited the type of building, consider a more permanent building with a footed foundation rather than a metal building. Mr. Whitehead will obtain bids for the boring samples.

Discussion regarding Contract with School

Supervisor Flood reported that he and C/Riemer have reached a tentative agreement with Webutuck Schools. The School is willing to give up control of the three rooms on the second floor of the building and lawn maintenance in exchange for the room in the basement (contingent the basement floor has been repaired or replaced and the room has been painted) and the storage room in the far basement known as the Coal Bin room. Attorney MacDonald will send a letter to the School's attorney amending the original lease agreement.

Discussion regarding the Transfer Station located on Old Route 22.

Supervisor Flood has been in contact with Welsh Sanitation in moving the transfer station to the Route 44 facility. Growmax was going to present a re-zoning change request to expand the current permitted activity to include taking in materials from outside of the area, but have chosen not to at this time. Growmax's argument is that the current leaseholder (Town of Amenia transfer station) is currently in violation of the Town's Zoning Ordinance by taking in debris. The Town is looking to leave this site, and in doing so will eliminated this element of the equation. S/Flood has also spoken with the Highway Superintendant and it is possible to move the transfer station to the highway garage for a temporary location. The original bid was for the transfer station to operate on the current sand and gravel site. The project will need to be bid stating that the transfer station will need to be operated on the contractor's property.

Discussion regarding Amenia Fire Company Request

Supervisor Flood read aloud a request from the Amenia Fire Company for the use of the ball fields at Beekman Park for the 1st Annual Gabby Farkas Softball Tournament on August 24th, 25th, 26th, Town Constables will be present, and the Company is raising money for a new score board.

Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to accept resolution # 40 Waiver of the open contain law for August 24, 25, 26 at Beekman Park for the 1st annual Softball Tournament

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Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Discussion regarding Roof Bids

Supervisor Flood will request for proposals for the repair of the two flat roofs

Supervisors Report

Supervisor Flood reported an update for the NYSERDA grant- Foam installation is completed in the attic, as are the electrical repairs needed. New lights have been installed in the halls and various rooms. The Auditorium will be insulated instead of the new windows. This change was because of the time frame to complete the window installation would not meet the NYSERDA deadline.

S/ Flood announced Family Fun Day, August 18th at the Town Hall; basketball camp has started and the Hidden Gardens Tour is Saturday, July 14th from 10-4.

Handbook changes are coming soon, discussion on the retirement allowance to follow in the coming weeks.

Town Board Comments

C/Riemer requested that the RFP for repairs at Fountain Square be extended, to date no submissions have been received.

C/Doyle announced a fundraising program; and Rebuilding Together applications are due Oct. 31st.

C/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Hoss

Motion to Authorize C/Doyle to write a letter to Terrance McCally of Metro North requesting an alternative way to treat the weeds along the fence line, the Roundup or chemical being used is not only killing the weeds but also the flowers in the area planted by the town.

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

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C/Perotti motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to authorize recreation to purchase two (2) commercial weed wackers at \$249.99 each

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

C/Perotti announced the annual Indian Rock School house breakfast, Sunday July 15th; and the annual senior BBQ at the Wassaic Fire House August 11th.

C/Hoss announced he will be attending the Bike and Pedestrian Plan meeting; and reminded all to attend the upcoming Monarchs games at Beekman Park, as there are only two games left.

S/Flood gave an update on the Old Amenia Landfill project. They removed 820 tons of PCBs; this is more than originally estimated, and they have found issues on the pond side.

Public Comments

Kevin Cassone asked for clarification as to where the activity on Old Route 22 the presentation was earlier. The current owner is Bill Henry. Mr. Cassone also gave a reminder that the Hidden Garden Tour is this Sat. July 14th.

Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to close the meeting

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner
By order of the Town Board

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on July 12, 2012 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

_____Approved as read on

_____Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions